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Camp 41

Pio Colorado. Saturday Nov  
15<sup>th</sup> 1837. We left Camp at  
7 A.M. and after going along  
the bottom about 2 miles where  
the trail forked and we came  
to a halt until we decided  
which to take. Some men  
were sent ahead to examine  
it. It passed through a willow  
thicket and a wide bottom  
in the center of which was  
a stream running swift &  
as clear as crystal. This Mr.  
Serouy says is Williams Fork.  
The men we sent ahead called  
to us to follow which we did.  
In the bottom we found a  
field of Corn. The road  
followed up ravines and rocky  
canyons up and down over rocks  
which at first sight looked



impassable in many places  
there were perfect stone stair  
cases. One of the Mules fell  
down the rocks and broke  
his back. The men brought  
portions of the meat into  
Camp with them. One of  
the Canons was but a few feet  
wide with perpendicular sides  
from 70 to 100 ft high. rough in-  
deed was the entire road but  
from about noon we found our-  
selves out of the mountains and  
1 1/2 P M we encamped near the river  
where there was a patch  
of dry grass. The mules  
stood fit well. Soon after  
our arrival two Indians  
came into Camp they walked  
in with perfect confidence  
and shook hands they



called themselves Cooches  
 as they started back  
 on our trail to cut up  
 the remainder of the trail.  
 Mr. Leroy told them of  
 it. proved to day much  
 of the Cerus gigantea the  
 tallest of which I do not  
 think was above 20 ft.  
 but little vegetation of  
 any kind was to be seen  
 excepting in the bottom.  
 The day has been quite  
 warm. Mr. Park has  
 another attack of dysentery.  
 many of of the men  
 are complaining of cough  
 and cold in their throats



## Camp 42

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 A.M. we were underway. The morning was cool the first portion of the road was rather rough for a number of miles being over rocky and gravelly hills and through the river bottom then we struck a gravel bar perfectly level and hard this we had for many miles and the mules traveled along nicely so we were getting out of this we were met by an Indian calling himself an Ahwahode he was without arms and appeared very anxious for us to follow



him and encamp on  
the river where he  
said there was good  
grass but we thought  
it best not to follow  
him here it was quite  
sandy and we lost  
the main trail and  
we got into the sandy  
river bottom which  
made excessively bad  
traveling for our animals  
here we were met  
by about 50 Indians  
calling themselves Arica  
one of them spoke Spanish  
well and said that they  
were friends and came  
to look at us he said  
that they had made peace  
with the Americans &



that there were quite  
a number of soldiers  
at the mouth of the  
Culla building houses  
These Indians were gath-  
ering mesquite beans &  
had nothing to trade  
they are not quite as  
fine looking Indians  
as the Chinahoes they  
are naked with the excep-  
tion of the breech cloth  
a few are painted black  
& red all are tattooed about  
the mouth. The women  
resemble those above.  
They all left camp early and  
made objections to the Guard  
keeping them out of camp



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> started at 7 AM  
the road through the hills  
was very hard and sandy  
and much of it through  
the Willow & Mesquite Scrub  
at 12 we struck the  
river and halted among  
the willows on the left  
bank before the animals  
were unpacked the  
Indians attacked two  
men on the rear near  
the Camp one soon found  
he they shot and killed  
they followed on and shot  
another soldier wounding  
him slightly in the leg  
but soon met them and  
fired at each other they  
wounded all and then threw  
up three more killed and



a number wounded they  
then all retreated. Jones  
was brought in in a terrible  
condition his head being  
clashed all over and an  
arrow wound in his elbow.  
The breathing was stertorous  
and almost pulseless perfectly  
insensible after bleeding but  
breathing became more easy  
and the pulse rose a little.  
We moved camp about half  
a mile further on for the  
night and the guard was  
doubled. The Indians followed  
on and a number of men  
were sent to meet them but  
they retreated. They were Jones  
Jones' men question but fired high.  
every precaution has been taken  
for the night to prevent an attack.



we saw many of those  
 that were in our camp last  
 night. Those that were killed  
 were among their braves  
 men, but few of their  
 arrows and barbs and they  
 depend more upon Clubs  
 than upon their yells  
 until sun set and of  
 the major miles they  
 and was left behind.  
 our packs were taken  
 so as to form a barrier  
 to protect us from the  
 arrows and arrows have  
 to be on the willows  
 Camp is very compact. but little  
 sleep will be tonight.  
 I think will hardly be much  
 morning camp has been set  
 early and looking due for the morning



## Camp 42

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> We rose early but did not have the brute sounder. Green was still alive and preparations were made for carrying him which detained this was done by rolling up blankets and tying them back of the saddle so as to afford relief for his back. Another was placed back of his head and brought but just as we were ready to start he died, and we stopped and buried him in the snow. All our men have been placed on foot and their animals packed so as to lighten the loads and enable us to push ahead faster all supplies pack saddles were sent.



The Indians commenced  
 yelling at sun rise all  
 round and now and then  
 we get a sight of them.  
 The most of them appear  
 ed to be up the river, at  
 8 A.M. we started and Mr.  
 Leroux took his course reg-  
 less of trails of which we  
 picked several large and  
 fresh ones these followed  
 down the river and then  
 foot tracks took the same  
 direction several miles  
 below then have a large  
 smoke we had a courier  
 a drance guard with flares  
 to search the Chaperach  
 in front and on either side  
 of us and the carriers were  
 driven close and all hands are



on the bank and at 11.25  
we came across some water  
and the animals were  
all unpacked and watered  
as we had not expect  
to find water so night  
before there being no grass  
we packed again and at  
11.25 a.m. we started. Here  
we struck a fine old  
trail which being in our  
course we took and followed  
several miles then it  
began to gradually off  
for the river which Mr  
Serour wished to avoid not  
only on account of its being  
round about but also to avoid  
the Indians. we have been  
cutting off a great bend  
of the river. At 3.25 P.M.



we came to a salt pond  
right without grass or  
water, but plenty of sand  
around the pond. Since we  
left the river we have not  
seen an Indian and but little  
fresh sign. The heat to  
day has been very great  
all most of the day  
was fortunately firm but  
sandy only in a few places  
the river bottom is here  
miles wide and is filled  
with tules & grass  
meads on the shores willow & cotton  
woods. We have come about 15 1/2  
miles and our animals travelled  
finely.



## Camp 45

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Reville  
sounded at 4 1/2 A. M. and at  
7 A. M. we started following  
near the same course as  
yesterday our animals app-  
eared to have got but  
little to eat last night  
Our road was a little  
heavier than yesterday  
struck another Indian  
trail near the gravel  
hills where we followed  
on our way we heard a  
shot in the rear and saw  
the men running and on the  
shot all at once thought that  
it was Indians the advance guard  
were ordered back and the  
mules turned about but  
we had not got far when  
a man from the rear



and beckoned for us to  
advance. That they had  
killed a deer. So we turned  
about and pursued our  
course well satisfied  
after going about 9 miles  
finding our mules tired  
& hungry we came to a  
halt where there was plenty  
of salt grass and water  
of not very good quality.  
Observations were taken for  
latitude and we find that  
we are about 64 miles  
in a straight line from  
the mouth of the Rio  
quite a north has been blown  
all day and the dust in camp  
is almost insupportable.



## Camp 46

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Then at sunrise  
42° rode early but did not  
have recital sounded. The  
men commenced packing at  
day light and at ten minutes  
of seven we started the road  
we found heavy much of  
it sandy and crossing the  
gravel hills three of the  
mules gave out and were  
shot. About 10 A.M. we struck  
the river and at 12 M. we  
halted at a slow to water  
it was very mired and here  
the Major lost another mule  
it was necessary to lead each  
mule separately this obtained  
at some time and at a quarter  
of three o'clock we again started  
following along the river bottom the  
willow thickets we found difficult



to make our way through  
them, and finding a good  
prospect for grass we look  
to the hills where we found  
the road very heavy at  
the finding some dry  
grass we came unto Camp  
but a short distance from  
the a large lagoon which  
was filled with ducks  
the river is filled with  
these lagoons the edges of  
which are covered with  
rushes & willows, on the  
main stream large cotton  
woods there are also interspersed  
throughout the bottom This is a good  
camp for defence in case of an  
Indian attack as one cannot ap-  
proach without being seen. The morning  
the continues.



Camp 47

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Having arrived  
last in camp last evening  
the mules were allowed  
to browse about and were  
watered before starting at  
a quarter of nine we left  
the road and went up the  
side over the gravel hills  
and was over heavy four  
miles high and very  
dry. The men securing  
sufficient food for their  
relief. Finding no grass  
we started for the river  
where we arrived at about  
half past four but here  
we were but little better  
off with the exception  
of water for the animals  
have nothing to eat except  
tuna grass and corn.



mule has been killed  
since we arrived in Camp  
The wagon men being out  
of provisions have  
by default upon mule  
meat. All hands commenced  
lighting the packs. I then  
away. Two copper cans  
one gallon of alcohol, botanical  
paper, & eight minutes of time  
the next morning I expected  
be my medicine specimens  
which I request you to send  
with. There has been a  
very large Indian camp  
here not more than three  
days old. The northern com  
bination throughout the day



# Camp 48

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our animals  
having had nothing to  
eat ~~secretly~~ last night  
we were in no hurry about  
starting this morning and  
we spent considerably  
much property such  
saddles, tents, blankets  
boots, ropes, and chest  
etc were of various kinds  
and numerous other articles  
The mules were driven to  
water and at 9 A.M. we were  
under way but after going  
but a short distance up  
the first ridge as we were  
ascending the great mass  
we found some grass also  
some. The whole all  
has been thought to be  
halt and let the animals



21  
just about in the mean  
time we went to work  
lightening our packs of  
private property. I think  
they took the following which  
were Keble & Smith's Compend  
of Medicine, Harlan's Grammar,  
Lea's Elements of Geology, 2 vols  
Dana's Elements of Mineralogy,  
Newman & Harris's Grammar  
and Dictionary of American  
Antiquities, 2 vols, just as  
they were going to leave the  
school, to walk the distance  
thence. Then as we were  
the war whoop on the hill top  
of us on the other side of the  
canyon in which we were  
last night the animals were  
to a halt and sentinels placed  
upon the hills as they



soon disappeared and we  
came to the conclusion  
that there were but few  
of them and were no doubt  
following us to pick up  
the dead mules and to  
search our camp. The  
animals were then driven into  
the arroyo where we first  
saw the grass this morning  
and in about an hour after  
were driven to water  
every precaution having  
been taken to prevent an  
Indian attack, shortly  
after 2 P.M. when the animals  
returned they were immediately  
packed and just as we were about  
starting the Indians again made  
their appearance when  
one of the sentinels gave

the alarm they run back  
 to the hill and we  
 moved on about farther  
 on and came into camp  
 for the night on a gravel  
 mesa on the side  
 of an arroyo where there  
 was some grass so  
 think our mules will  
 have them help out  
 and be enabled to  
 travel in the morning  
 The weather has con-  
 tinued throughout the  
 day. Sun hot and air  
 cool. We have rather  
 rough spots for our  
 beds but plenty  
 of gravel.



## Camp 49

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> - We rose  
early and soon after  
sunrise were under way  
the temperature at 6 A.M.  
33°. The road to day has  
been over the the gravel  
meadow up and down hill  
but the road was  
firm even the day  
cool a brisk weather  
blowing all day. so  
that overcoats were  
very comfortable. At  
ten minutes after one  
we came in to camp  
in the bottom where  
we found plenty of  
grass for our animals  
and immediately sent  
some men with mules and  
containers for water horses.

in search of water six  
 mules were left on the  
 road three of bars outside  
 of the traps the men  
 secured sufficient meat  
 for themselves. One of  
 the mules as soon as they  
 had shot him the animal  
 not being dead the men had  
 already commenced cutting  
 him up and put me much  
 in mind of a parcel of baggage  
 I secured the tobacco and  
 salt and started. The  
 Indians will show  
 some changes in the  
 remaining. Two peaks are to  
 be seen that are conspicuous over  
 the range showing of the breadth  
 of the valley which is to us  
 a pleasant sight to look



upon to think that we are  
once more approaching the  
settlement of the white man  
no one can well imagine our  
feelings being short of passion  
surrounded by the enemy and  
our animals dying out daily  
by Hunt Pabks observations  
yesterday we were 45 miles  
in a direct line from  
the mouth of the Chilla  
our great anxiety is for  
the certainty of a frost  
at this point which should  
there not be we will be in  
a sad condition. To say that  
we should have come about 10 miles  
the men after being absent a long  
time returned just at sun set not having  
struck the river. They have brought a little water  
which they found in a small hole and have about 100  
950 the hatch man

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> The temperature at  
 sunrise 27° It was daylight  
 before we rose. The snow  
 soon after sunrise the  
 men were sent to water  
 at half past ten it had then  
 become dark with the  
 water in the buckets on  
 Camp the men then  
 went to work to dig  
 The men were sent to  
 find a good place  
 to water in the afternoon  
 at it struck a fire  
 camp then from the  
 and then from the  
 there about the  
 that there were about  
 of them and some of them  
 then apparently they were  
 from them as soon as



Some of them. At half past  
twelve we were packed  
and started and at a quarter  
past four we came to  
a halt as there was not  
the probability of finding  
grass along the route.  
comes into the view  
which is only a narrow  
strip. The grass  
is short and green and  
are about 100 ft apart. The  
our mules will be well  
prepared for tomorrow's work  
which in all probability will  
be rougher. By seven this of  
morning about 40 mules

# Camp 57

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1881  
 6 A.M. 31° The mountains ahead  
 of us looked difficult but we  
 passed through them a number  
 of hours and found but little  
 or no difficulty in passing over  
 even coming to the mountain  
 after having travelled about  
 the hour through the bottom  
 finding good and a place to water  
 we halted for three hours here  
 as usual the Major had three  
 of his mules baggage one of which  
 a fine young mule they had to  
 kill for meat and pack it not  
 being able to go any farther  
 at half past three we came  
 into camp on the river where  
 there was some tolerable grass  
 this has been the camp of the  
 Americans within some time.



mouths their beak-  
strokes look quite fresh  
and are quite numerous.  
About 11 o'clock we had  
an Indian stand in  
camp. This was caused  
by one of the Mexicans  
by mistake coming out his  
rifle and firing many times  
and seeing this alarm and  
the fires were extinguished  
by throwing dust upon  
them. The mules were driven  
close to camp and after  
waiting some time we came  
to the conclusion that  
it was a false alarm  
and at 9 P.M. retired.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. The temperature  
at 6 A.M. 30° about 7 A.M. we  
started the first portion of  
the road was hilly & sandy  
and the mules travelled slowly  
then we struck the river  
bottom along which we trav-  
elled a number of miles at  
11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A.M. we struck a large  
mountain the road was winding  
up and down quite precipitous  
places and in many places  
where if a mule was not  
made a mistake he would  
precipitated several hundred  
feet and be crushed. I have never  
yet seen any thing like it the  
was soft and without a sign of  
vegetation fortunately however all  
the mules down safe in camp  
which we made in a grove of



river bottom at foot of the  
mountain by which it was  
furnished in. The animals have  
nothing but salt grass and  
corn. The wind has been  
blowing all day from the  
north and this is the worst  
date camp we have had  
a cloud of dust blowing in  
every direction the clouds being  
formed by the mountain  
spray. K. has a male killed  
for his men and they made  
use of every part of him  
even the hoofs. This morning  
in the bottom we saw some  
fresh Indian sign horse  
tracks and in some places  
the tracks showing that  
they have been along there some time  
since. We have to go over 2 miles, still by 8:30 starting.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. We started at 7 A.M. we soon struck the mountain and commenced crossing it was by far the ~~worst~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~bad~~ we have had the mountain being almost perpendicular the mules slid down and then jumping from rock to rock a number of the mules had to be hauled up with ropes. one of them fell and broke his back. The pass was not long but we were detained ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~or more~~ <sup>or more</sup> 2 a half by it. This however I hope is the last of such a pass. The river here makes a bend running about southeast the remainder of the route was over the gravel hills at half past twelve coming across some dry grass and the mules being very tired we determined to camp for the night.



Just as the advance guard  
had got to the top of the  
last gravel mesa several  
shots were fired and all  
in the valley beneath thought  
that they had come across  
Indians when they came  
out mountain sheep but  
then proved to be tame sheep.  
Ross was the only one that  
succeeded in shooting one  
fore Gordon & Juan Jesus  
pursued them and near  
where we encamped we  
found them cutting. There  
was they had three. This  
was quite a treat for us at  
this time although they are miserably  
poor. I expect that they have been  
run off from the Fort either by  
Indians or wolves. The weather continued dry.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> It was quite cold all night we started about the usual time the principal portion of the road was through the bottom the mountain ahead of us which looked as though we would have a difficult pass we found none and followed the river bottom soon after passing which when near the river there was an immense smoke suddenly springing up knowing that the Indians were there the party were brought to a halt the man in the rear said that they had saw an old squaw come out of the bushes and run back again on the other side of the river we saw several horses feeding



This smoke was answered  
by three smokes which  
came from here on we  
went through immense  
thickets and I have but little  
doubt that this is a small  
party of Indians collecting  
wild game and that  
they were frightened by  
us coming upon them  
unexpectedly when we  
struck the river we had  
a great willow thicket  
to go through and here  
I spied a boy hiding behind  
the bank of the river some  
of our men approaching he  
ran and hid in the bushes.  
The boat then passed along  
the on a bar sand bar covered  
with red willow this we

had for about three miles  
 when we came to another  
 mountain at the foot of  
 which we found a stream  
 and watered our animals  
 and filled our tanks  
 on the sand bar among  
 the willows were numerous  
 signs of horses and sheep  
 no doubt but that they  
 had been driven off by the  
 Indians and were here caught  
 and driven back. This we saw  
 on the river bank. Here Kichip  
 who had on the previous  
 looking round the country and  
 he descended saw an Indian  
 who immediately ran about  
 two miles from here we encamped  
 on a small patch of fine green  
 grass. To day we have come upward  
 of 17 miles in the mountains to the north



Camp 5-5-

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> This morning  
early it was very cold ice  
in one of the basins about 1/2 of  
an inch in thickness. But  
the day has been hot we  
followed a broad trail the  
first portion of which was  
heavy packing snow and  
then through willow thickets  
after travelling about  
2 miles we struck an  
wagon trail which  
we followed a short distance  
and then turned back to  
the trail that we had  
left which we kept  
until we came to a stream  
which we could not  
cross we then turned to  
our left and followed another  
through the willow. This is

and soon found ourselves  
going north when we again  
struck the wagon trail which  
we followed about a mile  
and found then that it termin-  
ated here there were a num-  
ber of holes evidently caches  
of the Indians and some men  
had been there to remove  
them we then struck back  
and soon struck our old trail  
after describing a circle we soon  
struck another large wagon  
trail which entered below  
there had been a large  
settlement of these Indians  
their crops had evidently  
been destroyed and all their  
destroyed on coming to a slough  
we watered our animals  
and then went on.



fresh tracks of the two birds  
on the road we passed  
by some large gravel  
hills on one of which  
there was a pole looking  
much like a flag staff  
and the men supposed  
to have been there  
soon we saw a line of  
snow which we took to be a  
ridge but on getting on the  
hor it proved to be the two  
hills it was then about  
half past three and we were  
encamped there is nothing  
but willows on the lower part  
for our animals to eat to  
night on the bank of the  
river there are numerous  
dark horse signs, on the  
opposite side on a ridge

some distance back an  
Indian was seen riding  
a horse past. Just at dark  
Stone said that he heard  
a cow bell in the offing  
back we listened and heard  
it. we were all now enter-  
-taining doubts of the boat  
being at the mouth not  
having seen fresh indication  
when soon we heard gun  
chopping and saw a light  
we came to the conclusion  
were here. Our Indians  
were quite anxious to go  
and see the Captain at first  
refused and then consented  
they were not so terrified  
being on this side of the river  
after hailing them but crossed  
and after being a while some



time returned bringing with  
them a Mexican by the  
name of Fernandez who had  
been formerly a servant of  
Genl. Sandoz. I had retired  
and said that there was  
a fort below the mouth  
but that there were only  
a lieutenant and ten men that  
had been there for some time but  
that a few days since there  
were five wagons and a number  
of men had arrived with  
a supply of provisions and  
that they were beleaguered by  
the Indians and were expect-  
ing hourly to be attacked  
by them that they had  
run off all their stock  
and that the California Indians  
were all up in arms and

collecting on the river bed  
that a few days before  
they had attacked some  
Americans with a herd of  
sheep which they were  
taking to California from  
Sonora and had killed four  
Americans & one Mexican  
that were with them and  
only escaping the sheep  
about 19000 were all driven  
off. That he & Mr. Yeager  
who were coming from St. Louis  
were attacked when within  
a few miles from Phineas  
first Yeager was pursued with  
several arrows but pushed ahead  
with his horse at full speed  
keeping the Indians off with  
a lance revolver and therefore  
was time with them. The in



this by pointing it at  
different ones and by firing  
it twice both of which  
he did and in this way escaped  
into the forest. February  
lost every thing he had  
except with \$200. He took  
the back track and after  
travelling 30 miles created  
a Mexican party advance  
and telling the state of  
affairs there they fell back  
45 miles expecting to meet  
another party that they  
knew were following which  
they did there being then  
thirty they advanced and  
were not molested although  
they saw numbers of Indians  
they remained at the spot  
one day. They were from

25  
The men and were return-  
ing to Sonora. Fernandez re-  
mained in Casimiro and is very  
eager to look with us. This  
is really an unexpected state  
of affairs and there is every  
possibility that to-morrow  
we will be attacked and  
a horrible state of excitement.  
This is for me to be kept  
and with us it has lasted  
so long. How I wish it  
was all over. However  
it is gratifying at the same  
time to know that there  
are 25 men there and plenty  
of provisions. This evening the  
Major killed another mule  
for the men and I expect that  
this will be the last one.



Camp Independence

No 375

Seven miles from the mouth  
of the Gila on the California  
side of the Colorado

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> we left Camp  
Independence at the usual  
hour the river was dried  
without difficulty the bottom  
showed the water level  
and about three feet deep  
were there. It was  
or twenty minutes giving the  
men time to put on their  
pantaloons & shoes and were  
then able to walk  
through the water in their  
a truck to the side  
here we found the Laramie  
Camp I was astonished to see  
the number of them  
there. They and their animals  
were to be seen everywhere.

about in every direction appar-  
ently without arms we all  
came to the conclusion that  
the Indians would not disturb  
them and that there was  
an understanding among the  
so that effect. The morning  
was overcast and chilly  
but soon cleared off and  
became quite hot. The  
cavalcade was kept well con-  
trolled with a strong guard in  
the front and rear. The road  
was broad and level having  
having been ~~traveled~~ <sup>traveled</sup> by  
wagons some portions of  
it was through a dense  
thicket and much mosquito  
about half past ten we  
struck the river bank opposite  
the Indian camp the men went



to give three cheers but  
were stopped as we did  
not wish to alarm the  
Indians near us from  
below where the most  
of them are all hunters  
were overjoyed the men at  
the boat we could see jump  
and clap their hands together  
our arrival here so much  
pleased to them they were  
kind and told us sent  
a boat soon a fine surf  
boat with six men and  
an officer crossed the  
river introduced himself  
as Lieut Murray he had come  
here with the Bangalore Troop to  
relieve Lieut Irving he was about  
to see us and our meeting was mutual  
at this time they being in a state

of supplies. Our animals were  
 immediately unpacked on the  
 bank of the river and a strong  
 guard surrounding the mules.  
 Capt S. May Jr, Lieut O. M. Hall  
 all got into the boat and  
 crossed. we then were introduced  
 to Lieut Greary who has been in  
 command here since last June  
 when Maj. Hendymer and his  
 men retired to St. Diego leaving  
 Lieut S. with ~~about~~ ten men. The  
 Indians immediately commenced  
 behaving in a different manner  
 and in September last we had  
 good reason to believe that their  
 intentions were becoming hostile  
 and then built a stockade and  
 within the last month they have  
 been very annoying and of late  
 they have been shooting at us.



on the hills back giving  
the war whoop and at night  
are looking about all night  
shooting at the dogs and  
the staircase and numerous  
animal arrows are fired  
up every morning. Just as  
we got here Lieut. M. & I were  
going to their breakfast which  
was then about noon. They having  
been up nearly all last night  
as they had been expecting  
an attack hourly. The Lieut. & I  
were quite a host and all  
the Europeans having good sleep  
keep our own salt pork and butter  
They expected that when they saw  
us that we were from the boat and  
commenced as they had been looking  
for them for some time past. The  
staircase is quite small in it

There is but the tent of the  
 officers and a six pounder  
 which is the dread of the  
 Indians and in one instance  
 saved the life of Lieut. J  
 and men previous to his re-  
 oval into the storehouse.  
 About 3 P.M. the last of the  
 mules and all the mules  
 crossed the river and now  
 an Indian had made his  
 appearance. There were several  
 more waiting to see but were  
 quiet which forms a dense  
 thicket all round the post except  
 on the river bank which has  
 been cleared off and forms one  
 side of the stream there being  
 there a perpendicular bank of about  
 twenty feet. We were interested to  
 see the creek but the gorge of the



ferry company and they have  
given up to us their Coral  
in which there is a small  
log block house built  
of green Cottonwood so that  
there is no danger of the  
indians firing it. Thus we  
have taken possession of  
ourselves and the men  
occupy the inside of the  
Coral. We supped with  
Lieut<sup>l</sup> Peck and had a fine  
piece of roast beef what  
a luxury and how we all  
enjoyed well might they  
think that we had been  
outside of civilization for  
along time for we ate like  
Cormorants they have also numerous  
other luxuries to us in the  
evening we had a game of whist. My  
presented us with some fine tobacco.

Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>. This  
 morning I indulged in the  
 luxury of a good bath and  
 put on clean clothes. For  
 comfortable I now feel not  
 having had off any of my  
 clothes not even my shoes  
 since the <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> of last month and  
 after passing over dusty  
 roads some times covered  
 over with mud and  
 getting into a  
 foul condition and  
 the soldiers in particular  
 many of them being in  
 rags and almost without  
 covering for their feet  
 all kind of measures are  
 said to be. This day has been spent  
 in overhauling every thing. We have  
 now been ordered and cleaning the  
 silver up and stuffing their beds



For it seems that they  
have been eating all  
day. The mules are driven  
out among the mesquite during  
the day and at night are  
corralled and mesquite  
cut for them to eat during  
the night. Two soldiers were  
sent from here twelve days  
ago to San Diego leaving a dispatch  
to the Commanding Officer  
at that place telling him  
know the state of affairs here  
and asking for an escort to  
accompany the train back.  
Fears are entertained that  
they have been cut off. I should  
like to have gotten in safe we should  
hear something from them in two  
or three days. Last night I slept  
sound being the first time for

several months back that  
I have turned under my  
blankets and felt secure  
how strange it is now  
more to be in a house  
however cold after sleeping  
in the open air for two  
months. This although the  
first day of winter is yet  
hot and every thing green  
from the first shore we  
struck this river to this  
place. I have seen no  
alteration in the vegetation  
and have been much  
surprised to find so  
few birds. I observed but  
the last of which is nearly to be  
seen. I have seen all our game birds but  
none and on a morning when a complete



Tuesday 25. This morning the  
sun was bright and cool  
but the day has been hot  
and there has not been heard  
from San Diego. This morning  
a Council among the officers  
was held to discuss the  
best course for them to pursue  
and they came to the conclusion  
that not having sufficient  
supplies should not attempt  
to move in from above they will  
abandon the post and all  
hands start for San Diego  
as there will not be more  
than provisions to carry  
to that place nothing else  
of importance has occurred  
to day, not as Quinn has made  
his appearance for the last two  
days.

Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup> This has been quite  
 a warm day. About 11 a.m. Mr.  
 Leroux came into the Black house  
 where we were at that time and  
 said that he heard two shots  
 fired in rapid succession toward  
 the point mountain. We were  
 on the hill at the time and  
 where they could get a view  
 of the whole place. When they  
 saw a number of soldiers  
 and muskets & listened and  
 we all came to the conclusion  
 that they were troops from  
 San Diego which I believe  
 is the case for soon Capt  
 Davidson with seven men  
 made their appearance  
 having been on the road for  
 days. He has orders to remain  
 here and I intend to return it



the wagon, but the only  
only provisions here sufficient  
to take us all to San Diego  
and he having brought none  
with him all hands will  
be forced to return. He confir-  
med the report that we had  
heard of the Indians. He  
said that they had been  
around them every night  
whispering but that he had  
not had a chance of an engagement.  
Fresh signs were numerous  
in every direction. Warner's  
ranch had been burnt by them  
and that the mountain Indians  
were up in arms. The day after  
tomorrow is the day fixed for  
starting. This evening about 12 o'clock  
I saw a large an Indian who was  
in the house near the black.

house and the dogs set up  
a bark and growl then  
the men all springing for their  
arms and all hands were  
prepared for an attack  
but after waiting some  
time no attack occurred and  
nothing more was heard or  
seen by them during the night.

Capt. Hamilton noted that there  
was great excitement in the settle-  
ments and much fear is evident  
that the Indians will make an  
attack upon them. We had but  
but few troops left some have  
gone in pursuit of the savages  
and volunteer companies are  
attempting to be sent.



characters to the This morning was  
cool but the day will be hot. All hands  
have been busy getting ready  
to start to morrow. The  
company are all assembled  
at the house as there  
is much to be done. A large  
cabin is to be made. A  
party was sent this morning  
to look for some cattle along  
the river. An old immigrant who  
has been here for some time  
but returned without finding  
them. Nothing of importance has  
occurred the day is quite  
cool this morning. Evening  
we spent on the river. All  
had a good night's sleep  
and secured the best method  
and place for making the cabin.

Friday the 11th sun. & day  
have been busy working coals  
and preparing things for  
the moon. The weather was  
boisterous this afternoon and the  
boats were sunk. The Indians  
have not shown themselves.  
The moon has been bright  
all day and this evening  
blew furiously great  
clouds of dust. I think I  
have never seen altogether  
this kind of weather in Louisiana  
ever and all hands have been  
busy on the wind sailing. There  
was considerable fog on the river.



Camp of

Saturday <sup>10</sup>/<sub>10</sub> We made preparations  
to start at daylight but as is  
usual on starting there is always  
delay and it was eight O'clock  
when we got underway. Capt  
Lundgren with his men took  
the advance May it with  
him and the twelve pounds  
brought up the rear the  
pilot here in front of him  
and then the baggage the  
large flock of sheep being  
led by Capt Anderson's <sup>Reager</sup> follow  
at behind. just as we approached  
a point on the pilot knob called  
Fort Defiance Capt I saw four  
Indians and he and his men started  
in pursuit but they took to the  
hills and escaped it was a dense  
thicket of mesquite & arborescent  
and from here on was willow

and arrived after crossing  
the pass we saw where was  
buried the remains of one  
of the sheep parties at the  
Algodones we stopped and filled  
our water tanks and watered  
the animals. We then  
found the remains of a  
man of the sheep party - they  
remained but the bones were  
now scattered and we saw  
wolves had straggled the bones  
off them. We halted some  
time and after we the animals  
were watered we left the camp  
saw numerous fresh tracks  
saw but no Indians about 4  
P.M. we arrived at Los Alamos  
and here we camped. We  
were not able to eat much  
and but little of it.



eight seals gone out  
only were left on the rook  
all hands were tired and  
hungry and we enjoyed  
our supper. our animals  
have all been watered  
at the wells. The dog  
has been following that  
to night which goes to  
the Col.

### Camp 58

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> We started this  
morning at sunrise and  
after travelling about eight  
miles we came to the  
wells just as we reached  
at near this point we had  
an Indian Stampede but  
he was a bad ~~kind~~ of himself  
and gave the alarm and the  
men struck out into the

was quite to head off  
the Indians but it proved  
to be a broken down white  
male, that in all probability  
it had been left by the  
Mexicans. The men however  
came upon a large Indian Camp  
which they had just left the  
fires still burning and plenty of  
fresh horse and foot baggage  
here water and animals but  
the water was not very good being  
straightly brackish and sulphur  
while they were watering the  
some turned or served better and  
fed the mules, we were about  
here about the same time as  
the boat was very heavy being  
of drift wood and about 10  
miles further we encountered  
a deep arroyo in which there was



plenty of Mesquite. Our mules  
were very tired and eighteen  
were left. Two however came  
in this evening. The Spanish  
riding animal gave  
out and had to be left also  
his old white one. He took  
it upon foot until he became  
tired and then got into one  
of the waggon <sup>Camp 59 Monday</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>left at dinner</sup> rode after  
having this way the road was  
hard and to avoid the sand  
Capt. I struck for the  
signal Mt. and in this way  
cut off about 9 miles and hit  
a much better road. I took it  
upon foot until we arrived at  
the ~~cross~~ <sup>cross</sup> ~~road~~ <sup>road</sup> where river here  
we made a short halt and allowed  
our riding animals to browse on  
cactus warts the seed of which

the Yampai Indians make  
their bread and I am told  
that the Sumas do also. Here  
we lunched and then started  
on we then came to the Slouers  
Camp on the same river which  
is now perfectly dry and  
has water in it only under  
the Colorado overflows its  
banks. Here we left the river  
and took a short cut through  
following the road to the  
pass and in the distance  
of the old ironing line  
a few miles back on  
we came to a hall on the  
river and encamped among the  
mesquite near a large point  
the water was standing, still and  
stagnant perfectly green and thick  
here there were small...



yellow shank snipe  
we arrived here about four P.M.  
and the pack animals which  
had been left behind at our  
last halt got in soon after  
dark. The morning was quite  
cool but the afternoon snow  
is to be seen on the tops of  
the high peaks of the Coast  
range. In this desert there  
is nothing to be seen but  
green shrubs & *Lonicera muscosa*  
& numerous old mussel shells  
are scattered all over it showing  
that it is all occasionally over-  
flown by the Colorado. P.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Left camp at the usual hour we were all day passing the desert but little change was to be seen we found a finger board in the afternoon directing us to Seattle Wells and we turned off to the right leaving the road. The sheep this morning were all missing but they about 40 miles from our camp we left this morning they have all arrived safe this evening one mule has been left to day and he has come in this evening. There are none nothing for the animals to eat the men dug out the wells and all the mules were watered Mr. Leroux and a man are to start ahead with the pack animals as soon as they have watered them. Little female has been very sick and looks as if he would die.



## Camp 61

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Renville Powder  
at 4 A. M. and at twenty minutes  
of six, <sup>we were under way</sup> the morning was quite cool  
the first ten miles I walked so  
as the relief man could fortunately  
get a quart of coal for her this  
morning when Forks could refuse  
to let her had water last night  
and this morning during the night  
I had her bitten to a mosquito on  
the road I found some of the  
coals but good grass upon this  
I fed her and then rode into camp  
Much of the road was very good and  
short other portions were heavy and  
sandy. Still we are passing the same  
desert on the top of some of the  
hills just as we were descending the  
bed of Carina Creek in front of some  
of dark shells looking much like the  
the creek here and perfectly open

but on ascending it about  
 two miles we found some  
 running water. This we kept  
 up about two miles farther  
 where we encamped. Having  
 come about 24 miles it was  
 then fifteen minutes of our  
 here we found the horses and  
 the mules all having arrived  
 safe about 9 o'clock this morning.  
 there is scarcely any thing in  
 the shape of arbores to be found. In  
 some places along the creek we found  
 a few Mesquite trees which were  
 in blossom around which and St. Joseph's  
 staff in abundance. also Coctis. In  
 this season in the luxury of a wash  
 it is quite cool now. In miles have  
 plenty of salt grass for to nig it. Lieut.  
 P. Mull arrived safe and is now stowing  
 away the grass.



## Camp 62

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Reveille sounded  
and we got underway about the same  
time as yesterday. The route  
we have followed most of  
the way the Rio Grande valley  
of Culiacan Creek much of it  
was heavy and sandy at  
a quarter of nine we came to the  
Palm Springs here there have been  
numerous Palm trees some of which  
have been very large at present  
there are but few remaining having  
all been cut by parties passing for  
fuel the water was very good and  
plenty of salt grass we allowed  
our animals to graze whilst we  
bunched. at 1 P.M. we came to the  
Vallecita where we encamped here there  
is an adobe building 24 by 13 ft. & about  
13 feet high this was built for a store  
house and has cost government \$2500.







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## Camp 66

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> This morning was very cold and a heavy frost with which all our plants were covered. Many birds and a number of others were missing but some were still about. I went into the canyon and I took a long walk. The high peaks of the mountains on each side of this valley are covered with snow. Some have tall pine trees on them. The snow was deep and we ascended for about twelve miles which was the highest ridge on the range. We found many of the same species of birds as we had found before in the state. After we crossed the mountain we came to the divide of the range which had a fine view since been burnt to ashes by the Indians. All the stock has been driven off here we stopped about 10 miles.





although dry and good. The cat  
in abundance are the Mountain  
this is really a more pretty  
rolling. Farmers tract of land  
embracing 100000 square ft  
land including the 1000 Caliente  
at which the hill formerly  
had its ranch. This is a great  
country for growing grain & other  
crops. Road after road  
-ped in Indian mode along the  
road at full speed Capt I was some  
of the men went to head them off  
but this was not necessary as he  
was coming to us. He stated that  
he was from <sup>to</sup> Beakville and that  
they were all friendly and so  
went the horses from there into  
the settlements but that all  
to the north the cows were killed  
he stated that the horses and cows

others that have been taken from  
and that they were going to  
have these and that there  
was one American taken  
with them. That they had  
committed a number of  
murders. He also stated  
that Alcala was in San  
Jose and that he was with  
Alcala during his absence.  
A number of others were  
during that afternoon. They  
all were the same party.  
They made out of San Jose  
when he went to San Jose  
and got to the top of the  
ridge after a short ride.  
That he called on the  
commander of the way. That day  
has been extremely cool. A little  
before very comfortable weather.



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> It was concluded  
not to move to day but  
remain and let all hands  
rest. The day has been very  
pleasant. One of the wagons  
was sent to San Pablo for  
groceries but returned empty.  
The Indians would not let  
it go without payment although  
they were told that it would  
be paid if they would wait.  
The English but they refused to  
wait. The English men  
said they were going and  
that we should come in to  
Camp this afternoon. They told  
of Indian reports. They say  
that they believe that the  
Indians are angry with the  
English but they are not  
to be trusted. It is also





camp 55

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> ... arrived  
at 4 P.M. ... about  
10 miles before we got under  
way. The morning was cloudy  
and mild, and the weather  
... a pleasant surprise.  
We about one hour and a half  
were at the ...  
a beautiful valley ...  
the river is ...  
the houses are built of stone  
... and very low ... the  
houses are a ...  
Here the ...  
are all in ruins. Here there  
has been a fine vineyard  
and the old vines are still  
... This is a beautiful  
valley and the soil is rich  
it is surrounded with ...  
... with about

Three species of oak  
in many places where  
the old grass has been  
burnt the new is coming  
up and looks very fresh  
and green. I have seen  
very many of the old  
suffrutescent species, some  
which I have seen at other  
times. They have lost the  
new growth and are  
they are also very large for  
it, I suppose, I see a few  
Capp. L. a few of them are  
leaving and I have seen  
many of them in the  
to be seen in the same  
I have seen a lot of them  
be the consequence of the  
did not see them before  
that in a short time I shall



would return to punish the  
Indians that had been murdering  
the whites. From there we went  
to the ... and encamped  
this is about 12 miles and the  
road was in the ...

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> ... and looked  
much like when we started  
... a ... there  
... started ...  
... about 9 ...  
... for the  
wagons was ... and  
we were ...  
ascending the San ...  
... from the top of  
it we had the first view  
of the ... the descent

of this fall was very dry  
 and rained about 11 A.M. we  
 arrived at San Francisco  
 a town of the Missionaries  
 these people are car to  
 in California. The men  
 better clothes and  
 better horses. I  
 and some eggs. I  
 whilst we were here  
 Lieut Patterson arrived with an  
 wagon & a number of men  
 he said that he was going  
 to San Francisco to join the  
 Army. I just the  
 express arrived from  
 it addressed to Mr. K.  
 all bonds back to you  
 Mr. Leach. I hope  
 to come by the ship  
 that Sunday.



obtained this information  
from him. we then went  
to the opposite side of  
the creek and encamped  
and then H. sent word  
a communication to pay  
attention to the condition of  
our stores and that we  
were to transport our  
own things. We all regret much that  
we should have been  
so late in getting started  
because in passing a very  
Christmas Eve. We were  
not finished the last of the brandy  
which I had been suffering in  
case of sickness. but I said to  
let it go as we were about to  
part. About 8 A.M. the express  
returned with a letter from

May 11 stating that he  
only wanted Capt David  
and his command and  
that the remainder of  
the 12th regiment were to  
continue. Three more wagons loaded  
with provisions arrived this evening.

### Camp 17

Wednesday 17th. It rained  
as we were forced to leave  
the road in the morning  
we were disappointed and  
saw when we passed by  
friendly to our men that  
officer with whom we  
an acquaintance we were all  
so much pleased. One of our  
wagons and 14 horses were  
left behind. When we reached  
their wagon to the top of the  
hill we were moved by the



The road was firm although  
hilly. passed over the  
battle ground where Gen  
Larned fought the Mexicans  
under Pico. passed several  
ranches, and very numerous  
fine cattle and horses feeding  
the hills in many places  
were covered with white  
moss. a fine view was seen coming  
out of the canyon. and a small  
cabin. The cedar which must  
belong to Genl. Condit late  
of the U. S. A. but it is now  
occupied on account of the  
leakage of water. it is  
a very fine house one  
story high and is not yet  
finished we took possession  
and occupied it for the  
night. how it feels it seems  
well worth the wait.

frame house with  
board floors. To night  
we had a fine supper  
of broiled Chicken, corn  
chops & croquets of which  
all here are so fond.  
This evening is perfectly clear  
the roaring of the sea is very loud  
than day.

Thursday 18th We got up  
early and went to the beach  
of our quarters for exercise  
the weather has been one  
of much anxiety and constant  
sickness. Got a lot of water,  
9.00 AM. provisions for dinner  
to then the hospitality of the  
all the Indians who are  
to be here and all at once  
of them and all at once



so suddenly is a great  
relief and a saddle to  
be realized. Last night  
there was quite a heavy  
snow and this morning  
is very chilly although  
clear we all rode off  
on a fog. It is so in  
the night in the early  
afternoon about six miles  
from this place, we met  
the Major with a number  
of wagons all bound for  
Santa Fe. He brought  
with him a note from  
Major M. K. requesting  
that K. to take care of  
the wagons as he had  
been to the other side and  
we he forced were taken  
to Santa Fe. The Major

introduced me to a L.C.D.  
from Los Angeles to which  
place he was then returning.  
Here we stopped and  
on taking a drink just  
before we met them we  
heard the report of a gun  
which then said was  
the mail steamer from  
San Francisco and that  
we might arrive in time  
to wait for her. so we hurried  
ahead and just as we  
arrived off to the boat  
she was putting off  
sails. we took our  
at the old town. Here  
we were introduced  
to a number of people  
who were all anxious  
to hear the news.



The Indian country which  
we gave and nothing  
would do but that we  
must take a trade with  
them most of the buildings  
are built of adobe the  
most of the new ones  
are of frame this not  
at all an improvement  
We went to the Post Office  
and enquired for letters  
but Mr. Kern was the only  
person there and amongst  
us we left here for the  
new town which is three  
miles distant and it is here  
that the quartermaster and  
other officers reside. I  
have been introduced  
to many of the men I met  
before. P. S. Live & happy

also to numerous other  
gentlemen the names  
of whom I do not now  
recollect we dined and  
took supper with these  
gentlemen. On leaving we  
removed to a new house  
the young people here  
and their families were  
settled in the new  
house. The house was  
about 30 feet long and 10  
feet wide. The first  
room was the kitchen  
the second was the  
parlor.

of frame over which is a  
canvas and covered with paper.  
They have no fresh water here  
and have to draw it daily  
from the old river.



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> commenced  
over snow in the  
noon. Snowed out overhauled  
over the snow. There was some  
rain this evening.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> a cloudy  
disagreeable day with  
some rain.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> I have not  
pleasant light business  
arrived spent most of the  
day with overhauling the  
specimens and putting them  
on one scale that as will  
be useful on the voyage.

tomorrow they are all  
to be sold. Strong fear  
are entertained that instead  
of punishing the Indians  
they are going to treat  
with them what a political  
policy. Good for the Indian  
Commissioners the speculators

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Clear and  
warm. Mr. Town, G. J. and  
to the old town where  
we are engaged in work.  
Four o'clock. At about  
4 o'clock the medicine  
being down if a good job  
well. The morning is a  
very pleasant one.



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> There was  
some rain during the  
night it has been clear  
however most of the  
day. Lieut Adams Mr  
K & I called on Mrs Bond  
- but did not see  
her. Saw Capt S. - sister  
and the Edithwin bells  
of San Diego. About forty  
volunteers arrived from  
San Francisco this afternoon  
- are bound for the Indian  
land.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Showery  
throughout the day with  
a high wind from the  
west. K & I called on Mrs  
- in the evening spent

most of the day in the  
house. I received from  
Capt. Stetson \$585.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. It has  
been stormy all night  
with a tremendous high  
wind which made  
our house shake again.  
The snow has continued  
all day and there  
is but little prospect  
of its clearing. The  
temperature has been  
low for the most of the  
winter. The snow which  
has in all probability  
put in some snow on  
account of the storm.  
We were invited to



spent the day with  
Lieut. Brown at the  
officers quarters. This  
being his birthday  
as well as Christmas.  
The day we passed very  
pleasantly and the weather  
all were invited to the  
Dinner given by the  
officers after the  
dinner we returned to the  
officers quarters and  
the small hours were  
fast approaching when  
we retired.

Monday 26th Rainy & cold. Lieut.  
Brown & his command left for the City.

Saturday 27th Still continues raining &  
no steamer this evening the wind has turned  
northwest.

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Clear & cool packed  
our things and started for the  
Plym Mr Kern & I walked most  
of the way when we were  
overtaken by Mr Brown & the  
Officers of our party and we  
made the remainder of the way  
and we are now at the  
with decent shelter. The  
quarters are in a long, narrow  
building with four apartments  
& I sent Spangier one & May Kern... men  
family the other two & ~~two~~ vacant  
The men are in tents. There are  
but few houses here two of them  
are meeting houses. There are four  
the collector of the Port Mr. Barton  
and some other officers.



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Clear & pleasant  
wind west we have looked  
anxiously for the steamer  
all day but in vain. This  
morning we visited the  
hill and saw the  
tower and the  
view of the harbor. The  
the hill is a beautiful  
numerous well grown trees.  
Davidson & family arrived  
and took possession of the  
quarters. The evening is quite  
cool.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Clear & pleasant  
after breakfast this morning  
Mr. & Mrs. K & P took a walk to  
the top of the hill back and  
forth. The  
steamer approached and  
arrived about noon.

to be the Gold Hunter from  
San Juan del Sur and was crowded  
with passengers and our things  
all taken out to her but  
not being pleased with the  
looks of things they were brought  
back at 5 P.M. The smoke  
of another steamer was seen  
approaching which proved  
to be the Northamer of the  
line and at 7 P.M.  
came to anchor we took from  
an hour from her much coal  
at 10 P.M. we started the  
moon shone brightly and soon  
we were out at sea from  
much darkness on land and  
then the ship looked white  
the light was wonderful and to  
see the water was like  
the moon in the night.



him with a high fever which  
he had had for a number of  
days I prescribed for him. He  
said that he was glad that  
I had come on board although  
there were several Physicians  
on board, yet he had not confidence  
in them. The Captain then desired  
me to see some of the Cabin  
passengers which I did. They  
were all suffering from the  
Chagrin fever and one was  
dying. I am to sleep in the  
Mates room to night.

Thursday ~~March~~ 8/11/55  
Clear & pleasant. Wind light  
from the west. Some reports  
of swell in the sea & some  
to have felt the effects of  
it we have been sleeping

finely. One of the cabin boys  
died about day light  
and was buried this morning.  
I have had many calls on me  
to visit the sick. From  
the doctor this morning doing  
well and his fever broke. I have  
prescribed for him. A gentleman  
this evening has offered me  
a letter in New York. I have  
accepted it. Found the Gold  
early this morning.

Thursday June 14 1855  
The weather still continues pleasant  
and we are making good headway  
at 12 PM we arrived at Portland  
which is quite an interesting looking  
place. The hills about it are  
quite green. The harbor is  
good. But not protected from  
the west winds. We stopped



we had a short time merely  
to land the mail. The  
afternoon we passed in  
dram shops & began and  
in all probability we  
will be in San Francisco  
during the night.

Friday 2<sup>d</sup>. Our driver had  
thickened about midnight  
and I was awake by the time  
of the gun. I immediately got  
up and was rather surprised  
to see the forest of masts  
the shipping and saw much  
in mind of New York. I with  
a number of other gentlemen  
took a walk out there. It  
was a lovely sight at night  
the long lines of ships  
and now built at the

shipping formerly had  
these houses and built  
up on poles and the hills  
about the town are bare  
I cut down and the dirt  
is hauled down here to  
the town lots. We then  
drove in our car through  
streets and I was really  
surprised to see such fine  
buildings and then returned  
to the ship. I rose again  
about 10 o'clock we had  
~~attracted~~ a bag and box  
our things taken to the  
Oriental Hotel where we  
received a room and breakfast  
after which I started out  
and bought my paper and  
a cup of tea and then returned  
to the ship and put my things



a belled sheet I visited  
a number of the large  
stores, drubbing saloons  
and public buildings and  
was really much surprised  
really one as fine as any  
in New York or any other  
large cities. There are not  
men of all nations and  
many Chinese. They are  
one much being dressed  
in their usual costume  
with the exception of large  
high topped boots which  
made them look very odd  
every one here is attending  
to business and the streets  
are perfectly alive. After  
a long hunt I found a Chinese  
smith who was delighted to  
be seen and he referred to

The hotel and dinner with  
me after which we took  
a walk through the town  
and visited many of the  
large gambling & drinking  
saloons where every thing  
is fitted out in magnifi-  
cent style and then to the  
City Office where we saw  
a lobby full of it is very  
crowded the waiter  
with me to see the  
fracture

Saturday - This morning was  
quite misty but it soon cleared  
and we had a pleasant day  
We amused ourselves walking  
about the town and seeing  
the various buildings



Here are all covered with sand  
and most of the side walks are  
of the same material. The houses  
that are now building are of  
the most substantial kind being  
built of brick & iron. The  
portion of the city that was  
destroyed by fire has been  
rebuilt. They are all the way  
down the hills by steam  
the great <sup>main</sup> street is then covered  
in cars to the dock by which  
are now being built up  
and built upon and in this  
way they are making the town  
large and beautiful.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Clear we spent  
the morning at the office  
and in the afternoon I went  
down to the river. Mr. K. & I took  
a walk to the old river

Solores  
~~camp~~ which  
is situated about three  
miles from town in a  
beautiful and rich valley  
here we attended a fight  
fight with which I was  
rather disappointed. The  
animal would have done  
well but the Gallop  
appeared to be off and  
then one of the  
to nothing more  
bull tiffing. The road  
from here to town is  
planked and yields a con-  
siderable revenue to the  
company. The tolls being very  
high and it being the favorite  
road and the boat landing  
the road was  
filled with people and animals



riding & driving. It was dark  
when we got into Town and  
we all went to the Jackson  
Restaurant where we had a fine  
dinner and after which we  
took a walk about Town.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. We went  
to day to see a room  
being rather disgusted  
with the Hotel being so  
expensive with bad furniture  
and not a good table. We  
have secured a room in  
the same building that Mr  
Smith is living. This we are to  
move tomorrow.  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Paid our bill  
at the Oriental Hotel about  
\$24.50 and Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
supper lodging in the

Cassa, Grande in old adobe  
building in Lapont St where  
we are comfortably fix'd  
having every thing clean  
and nicely furnished was  
not the case at the Green  
for which we pay \$1 per  
day & we have our meals  
at the Jackson Restaurant for  
which we pay \$14 per week

We arrived on the 15th May &  
Capt. J. Hunt & have gone to  
Buenos Aires where there is some  
trouble of war, and the  
rest of the party - May 16 & 17  
for the Gold diggings they  
have decided to return  
through Mexico and are  
going to remain to go with  
them immediately we can



make up a party. They  
returned on the evening  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> and on the  
following morning at  
8 a.m. Capt. S. C. McKee  
started for home on the  
steamer California.

Since we have been here  
the weather has been  
delightful but one day  
has been rainy. On  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day Mr. May, Esq.  
Capt. S. C. McKee & I were taken  
by Mr. Leonard to the  
Chesides. The road was very  
illy and his horses rather  
fractious from the want  
of use which rendered it not  
very pleasant. At the house  
we found Mr. Merchant  
and another Officer. The

Buildings are adobe and  
there are but 9 soldiers  
here we soon returned  
to the city and taking  
all together we had a very  
pleasant time that was  
delightful.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> Left San Juan  
at 8 A.M. in the stage  
for San Jose de los Rios.  
Capt Haller was with us.  
The day was beautiful clear  
and pleasant. The road passed  
over a beautiful & rich  
section of the country about  
half way - stopped for  
lunch dinner changed horses  
and drove on we saw a great  
number of horses and a few  
cattle with the exception of the  
mountain range for valleys



owing to the seats being too  
close together. The company  
in the coach we found  
very agreeable among  
them was a young lady  
intelligent & well-informed  
that had just come from  
the States and was going  
west to meet her husband  
who had been living in  
the country two years.  
One of the stopping places  
was owned by Professor  
Steinberger the great Cotton  
speculator well known to  
every person in the State  
who had been the corner  
by his acquaintance. We  
passed through the town of  
Santa Clara an improving town  
in the beautiful valley of the

just near this is Commodore  
Stockton's ranch which  
we saw at a distance  
and which has been greatly  
improved & is great & better  
at 4 PM we arrived at the  
house of Don Jose which  
quite considerable & a place  
which was formerly the  
Capitol of the State but  
which has been removed  
to other quarters and  
every thing here is very  
dull we got a good night  
dinner & a horse & returned  
early

Tuesday 30th We started  
at 8 AM for the Canadian  
mines at New Alameda  
for which we hired a Fort  
Horse Carriage & left about



drive passed through a  
beautiful country and  
arrived there at 11 A.M.  
being 15 miles. Capt H is  
the chief Engineer. He is  
induced into Mr Young  
& Patton they live here  
and superintend the work.  
The buildings now in the  
course of erection are of  
substantial being of brick  
and are situated in a beauti-  
ful and picturesque valley  
through which flows  
a beautiful and clear stream  
in which there are plenty  
of trout. It is surrounded  
by high hills. There  
is also a fine hot  
spring which by the  
addition of some lemon

syrup makes a delightful  
 drink equal to that of  
 our apothecaries of home  
 it also contains considerable  
 iron. after taking something  
 to eat we started for the  
 mines which are on the  
 mountain about 1500 ft above  
 the works to which they  
 have just finished a wagon  
 road. we took the road  
 which winds about the  
 mountain and soon we  
 were at the point where  
 they are busily en-  
 deavoring to strike the ore  
 and construct a railroad  
 to bring out the ore and  
 are carrying it down a  
 slight incline to the  
 mouth of the mine.



we met Mr. Bestor the  
Civil Engineer and by  
him we were conducted  
into the mine. for this  
purpose each one was  
provided with a cord  
fastened at the end of a  
long stick and we commenced  
descending passing through  
excavations with a gentle  
slope then coming to the  
Mexican ladders which are  
single poles with notches  
cut in them they require  
some attention for a good  
one to ascend and descend  
them but it is no more than  
when one gets the slightest  
of it on our way we  
met Mexicans carrying  
us with immense loads

of ore on their backs in  
cow hide bags with a  
strap passing over their  
heads where much of the  
weight rests we descended  
to the bottom which was  
900 feet saw the men in  
numerous places picking  
out the ore which is done  
by the aid of hammers &  
pick & crow bars the ore  
is excessively rich, assays  
from 25 to 50 percent and  
the mine appears inexhaustible  
tons of this ore are piled  
up near the mouth of the mine  
and it is packed on mules &  
down the mountain to the river  
Mr. Berlin lives at the mine  
he has a drawing which shows  
the interior of the mine



we descended and after  
examining the works went  
to dinner which was very  
good we passed the  
evening playing cards  
& whist.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
about 10 o'clock we examined the  
works. They have now  
on land here numerous  
tons both of gunpowder  
& ore at 11 A.M. we had  
some dinner after which  
we started for the  
granaries where we arrived  
in a couple of hours  
with a boat full of  
ore then returned to  
the Hotel and soon  
after supper retired  
to bed perfectly satisfied.

ted with our trip to  
the mines.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Rose at  
daylight and started in  
the stage at 7 AM.  
The morning was cool  
with a dense fog and  
arrived in San Francisco about  
4 P.M.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Finding that  
we would not be able  
to secure persons to  
accompany us through  
Mexico we concluded  
to go by the way of  
Honduras and we secured  
a stateroom on each  
on board the North American  
and paid \$30. to New  
York at 6 P.M. as the



for Benecia on the  
Steamer Confidence.  
The air was cool and  
foggy and the boat had  
laden and many passengers  
about 7 P.M. The boat  
grounded on the rocks  
and it was a bad accident  
when we again got  
under way and arrived  
in Benecia at 2 A.M.  
and started off from  
the Barracks. It was  
dark and foggy and  
after wandering about  
the hills for some time  
we returned to the hills  
where we remained until  
daylight when we were  
home successful. The  
K. in the night saw the

Capt Stone of the Ordnance  
He insisted on us ret  
iring which we did without  
much persuasion not  
having had any sleep  
and at 10 P.M. lock  
before 10 P.M. I was  
introduced to the officers  
of the mess, Messrs  
Bro. Dyer & Messrs  
P. M. D. Lieut. Pale. Secty. Mr  
inman & Capt. Stone  
of the Government transport  
Michaelton of the V. L. S.  
The day was dark & rainy  
but found the town  
agreeable.

Monday 25th. The place  
is pleasant & the situation  
and surroundings are fine  
of this bag of food.



rich but there is a  
want of trees here  
they tell me that they  
are unable to raise oak  
due to the prevailing  
winds in summer being  
so strong I was introduced  
to day to Mr. Hitchcock  
who is a very handsome  
man. I spent most of  
the day in the Topographic  
Office. The topographer  
here is Mr. George Gibbs  
who takes an interest  
in the Natural Sciences.  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888 The weather  
remains cloudy and foggy  
and have some passed  
heavily & determined to  
return this evening but  
Capt Stone persuaded

me to remain until noon  
the Tennessee which  
leaves the morning  
at 8 A.M.

Wednesday 28th During the  
night it rained quite hard  
and I feared much that I  
should not be able to return  
by the Tennessee. I arose at  
daylight and found it raining  
but I then sent a man  
waiting for me and then  
for the Ranger to come  
swamp out around and  
in time for the afternoon  
after 4 o'clock we  
started to McTear's where  
introduced me to Capt  
Totten and some others  
who were there.



on board. It cleared  
off nicely and we got  
a pleasant run and  
about 10 A.M. we arrived  
at San Francisco & I  
regretted much that  
we had secured our  
tickets on the other  
train as I have no  
the least doubt but  
that we would have  
a delightful time  
on this steamer being  
acquainted with the  
officers.

Sunday February 1st 1852  
Clear and pleasant. We  
packed our things and  
then put on board the  
steamer this morning  
at 10 the Lady of the  
Lake. 2 o'clock. After  
this I took a walk and  
half past 3 o'clock we  
went on board the  
steamer. It was a  
very comfortable  
with the crew so  
also the passengers  
all were put on board  
at 4 o'clock. The  
number of officers 3  
for freight 10  
to 12 and we  
to 12 and we



from the wisp but  
the current was running  
at such a rate as  
to carry us on to a  
thick cable where  
we had to stop  
and wait until  
left side. The persons  
that were on the deck  
at last became tired  
of waiting and gradually  
one by one went to  
sleep. I, too, was  
tired and there were  
three of us who  
were forced to sleep.  
The night was very  
dark and foggy and  
it was so dark that  
we could not see  
a distant vessel.  
The golden light

in about two hours  
we were out at sea  
and the ship rolled  
about tremendously  
and as is usual on  
such occasions the  
passengers commenced  
throwing their baggage  
into the sea with  
a solemn music  
any thing but sight  
the head or the other  
motion their heads  
were turned in about  
10 minutes.



Monday 2<sup>d</sup> Clear & pleasant  
 the swell continues  
 and we are rolled about  
 at a tremendous rate  
 & he is running ten  
 knots per hour

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> Cloudy &  
 some rain we have  
 been out of sight  
 of land all day. He  
 continues to make  
 ten knots per hour

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

















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